



## Bernice Neitzel

Bernice Neitzel, 74, Groton, died Friday, June 21, 2002, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen. Her funeral will be held Wednesday, June 26, 11 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be today (Tuesday) from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m., and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church tomorrow.

Bernice Parsons was born on March 25, 1928, to William and Rose (Gates) Parsons in Mitchell. She attended Aberdeen Public Schools. On September 21, 1947, she married Burton Neitzel in Aberdeen. Bernice worked at home for many years, during which she took care of large gardens. She also worked for five years in the kitchen at the Groton School.

Bernice was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. She enjoyed country western music, listening to books on tapes and having coffee with friends. Bernice also enjoyed to crochet and she made many afghans over the years.

Survivors include her husband, Burton, of Groton; five sons, Dennis Neitzel, Texas; Ronald (Dawn) Neitzel, Aberdeen; William (Cheryl) Neitzel, Watertown; Richard "Dick" (Wendy) Neitzel, Aberdeen; Michael (Anita) Neitzel, Dallas, S.D.; two daughters, Debra (Alan) Redman, Wahpeton, N.D.; Susan (Robert) Linton, Rowena; 26 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, one sister, one infant brother and one infant sister.

Honorary and active casketbearers will be her grandsons, Nathan Redman, Bobby Linton, Mark Neitzel, David Neitzel, Dough Neitzel, Corey Osmundson, Shawn Neitzel, Mike Neitzel, Allen Boock, Tom Neitzel, Kevin Neitzel, Scott Neitzel, Matthew Neitzel, Shelden Neitzel and Dale Fletcher.